

I would like to comment on the issue of expanded LPFM broadcasts. My local community both at home in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area and at school in Lincoln, NE are served by a K-Love station broadcast. K-Love is a unique station in both areas in that it is the only station that focuses on Christian music only. This music never needs to be screened, and the channel never needs to be changed based on negative or dirty lyrics. K-Love calls itself "Positive, Encouraging K-Love," and that's what they are and what they do for the communities of Lincoln and Omaha and communities across the nation.

K-Love is also an important outreach tool. Many times, I have been able to start communications with people about my faith just based on the music we listen to in my car or in my room. These are usually people who would not want to talk about Jesus otherwise.

K-Love plays short ad-like segments that give a short message about the Gospel. These are usually a fresh, interesting way to look at my faith. Often I have used these messages in conversations with people about the Lord. K-Love also keeps me informed of local concerts and events by Christian artists and speakers.

K-Love employs either four, or possibly five, full-time pastors who pray for the people who listen and send in prayer requests. They are also available to people who call in and want to talk to someone about Jesus. These pastors are paid, just like all of K-Love's expenses, by the listeners. K-Love is entirely listener supported. The listeners of K-Love believe in the importance of the station and its message so much that we give our own money to support it and keep it on the air. I have been a monthly pledger for almost a year now.

If K-Love's signal were overtaken by a LPFM station, I think our community would suffer a great loss. While there are one or two other Christian stations in the Lincoln and Omaha areas, they do not focus constantly on Christian music. I know that when I was a new Christ-follower a year and a half ago, it was hard to turn from listening to (what I now see as) the junk that is played on most radio stations these days. K-Love helped me as a young college student to find great sounding music with God-pleasing lyrics. I have also grown in my faith through the short (one to five minutes) features played on K-Love. K-Love benefits Christians of all walks of life. I often hear the testimonies of real people who have been moved by K-Love, or people who have had friends come to know Christ as a result of what they heard on K-Love, or people who appreciate the value K-Love has been to their friends and family who are Christ-followers already. I think our communities of Lincoln and Omaha would be greatly disserved if K-Love's signal was drowned out by one of these LPFM. Please don't take our K-LOVE!

Sincerely, Amy Steenson